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Claim Amendments

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of executing method steps with an apparatus controlling a printing press, the method which comprises:

connecting the apparatus to an input unit;

enabling the apparatus for switching an error mode on or off via ~~an~~ the input unit;

checking whether the error mode is switched on via the input unit; and

producing an output signal in a method step and outputting the output signal as at least one of an optical or an acoustic signal if the error mode is switched on and not outputting the output signal if the error mode is not switched on.

Claim 2 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the method steps are divided into modules, and the method



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comprises changing from one module to another module during the execution of the method steps, and wherein the output signal comprises an identifier indicating in which module the output signal was produced.

Claim 3 (original): The method according to claim 1, which comprises executing the method steps in a plurality of devices, and generating the output signal with an identifier indicating the device in which the output signal was produced.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the method steps are stored as digital data in a storage device, and the method comprises reading out the method steps from the storage device and executed the method steps, and wherein the output signal comprises an identifier indicating where the method step is stored that produced the output signal.

Claim 5 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the output signal comprises an identifier indicating in which method step the output signal was produced.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the error mode is one of a plurality of error modes, and the method comprises checking which error mode is



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set, and wherein the output signal comprises an identifier indicating to which error mode the output signal belongs, and wherein only the output signals belonging to the set error mode are outputted.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, which comprises outputting the output signal via an output unit.

Claim 8 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the output signal is stored in a storage device, together with an indication of a time at which the output signal was stored.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A device for executing method steps, which comprises a control apparatus for controlling a printing press, said control apparatus producing an output signal, said control apparatus being connected to an input unit and configured for enabling an error mode to be switched on or off via ~~an~~ said input unit, to check whether an error mode is switched on via ~~the~~ said input unit, and to output the output signal as at least one of an optical or an acoustic signal if the error mode is switched on via ~~the~~ said input unit and not to output the output signal if the error mode is not switched on via ~~the~~ said input unit.



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Claim 10 (previously presented): The device according to claim 9, wherein said control apparatus is a first control apparatus and comprising a second control apparatus, and wherein one of said first and second control apparatus produces the output signal, and said first or second control apparatus outputs the output signal if an error mode is switched on, and the output signal comprises an identifier indicating whether the output signal was produced by said first or second control apparatus.

Claim 11 (original): The device according to claim 9, wherein the output signal includes an identifier indicating at which method step the output signal was produced.

Claim 12 (original): The device according to claim 10, wherein at least one of said first and second control apparatus executes method steps in the form of program modules, and the output signal comprises an identifier indicating the module in which the output signal was produced.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The device according to claim 10, which further comprises a storage device storing the method steps;



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and wherein at least one of said first and second control apparatus is configured to read out the method steps for the execution from the storage device; and

wherein the output signal comprises an identifier indicating a location at which the method steps are stored as digital data in said storage device.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The device according to claim 13, wherein the location is identified in said storage device via a memory address.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The device according to claim 13, wherein the location is identified in said storage device via a data filename.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The device according to claim 9, which further comprises input means configured to enable selective switching on and switching off of the error mode even during the execution of the method steps.



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